

COUNTRY PolandTOPIC Polish Troops in Oppeln, Sagan and near Stolp

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25X11. [redacted] 15 canvas-covered tanks parked in three rows at one of the barracks installations in the southwestern perimeter of Halbendorf. The installation was guarded by Polish soldiers who wore tank insignia.

25X1 [redacted] Polish tanks in the former Nachrichten Kaserne. The former Hoefer Kaserne south of Stefanshoech quartered motorized Polish units in May 1952. In July 1952, the Alte Kaserne in the eastern section of Oppeln (P 51/J 17) quartered Polish troops who wore blue-gray uniforms. This unit was seen leaving the town together with the tanks from the barracks installation near Halbendorf for a joint exercise.

25X12. [redacted] a Soviet headquarters in the eastern section of the city, immediately north of the Alte Kaserne. Sedans occupied by Soviet officers were seen at this headquarters, which was guarded by Soviet sentries. ²

25X13. [redacted]

25X14. [redacted] a member of the 1931 class, was inducted into the infantry in May 1952. In April and May 1952, members of the 1928 through 1931 classes, who had been deferred previously, were inducted.

25X15. [redacted] 16 to 8 Polish T-34 tanks leaving the former Hoefer Kaserne south of Stefanshoech in Oppeln. The sentry in front of the installation wore a blue-gray uniform. However, Polish soldiers who wore khaki uniforms were also seen at the barracks installation. Polish tanks were observed training in the area of Winauer Berg, 2 km south of the Hoefer Kaserne.

25X16. [redacted] a Soviet signal detail of about 20 men in the northeastern part of the Bolko suburb, immediately south of the railroad line to Malapane (P 51/T 01). This detail checked on and repaired a two wire line on permanent poles which went toward Groschowitz (P 51/J 27). ²

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7. Prior to mid-March 1952, no Polish KBW units were observed in Oppeln.

25X1 8. [redacted] three Polish T-34 tanks in front of the barracks installation on the north side of the road to Sorau (C 52/B 16) in Sagan (C 52/B 26). The sentries seen in front of the installation wore the blue-gray uniform of the tank troops. The barracks installation appeared to be quartered to capacity. Intensive training was observed at and near the barracks installation. ³

[redacted] 9. [redacted] motorized Polish troops were seen on 3 or 4 consecutive days proceeding from the direction of Stolp (P 55/N 08) through Sanskow (P 55/N 08) toward Quackenburg (P 55/N 07). Troops wearing red service color were seen on trucks. Some of the trucks towed small rubber-wheeled guns with long small caliber barrels. Another convoy included motorized artillery with rubber-wheeled guns, which had short medium caliber barrels. These guns were also towed by trucks. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] Personnel of the collective farm [redacted] mentioned that the Polish troops were moving to a summer camp in Tucheler Heide. [redacted] 25X1 a large troop camp existed east of Quackenburg. In the summer of 1951, this area was cordoned off by Polish sentries. In March 1952, Polish troops practiced at telephone lines construction in the Sanskow area. After completion of the training the lines were dismantled. ⁴

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted] It therefore, is considered as confirmed that the bulk of a Polish mechanized or tank division is stationed in Oppeln. However, it is not clear whether this division moved there from another military post or whether it was newly organized in 1951. It is likewise unknown whether the headquarters of this division is also in Oppeln.

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment. This information confirms a Soviet signal detail in the former club house of the Alte Kaserne on Malapane Strasse in Oppeln. [redacted] 25X1 [redacted]

25X1 3. [redacted] Comment. This information refers to the Dachsberg Kaserne which reportedly quartered Polish tank troops in February 1951. The unit probably is a tank regiment of the 11th Mech Div whose headquarters is carried in Sorau.

25X1 4. [redacted] Comment. The units observed certainly belonged to the 8th Mech Div of which various units are stationed in Stolp. The division is carried as stationed in Pomerania.

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